

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIO

24 May 2020

A Warm Welcome to our Online Service. We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Speaker : Revd John Lin

Sermon Title: The King is Returning to

bring us Home

: Luke 24:44-53:

Acts 1:1-11

Text

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Acts 1:11

Bishop

The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

Assistant Bishop The Rt Revd Low Jee King

Vicar **Revd John Lin**

Clergy **Revd King Chiew Kwang**

Deaconess Ds Lena Lim

Pastoral Pas Loon Fu-Man Pas Florence Hou Pas Yeo Yun Jing

Pas Shirleen Yap

Administration **Susan Ling Doris Lee Patrick Lee**

Worship Service on Saturday

English Service 4.30 pm at Sanctuary

Worship Services on Sunday

English Service 9.00 am at Sanctuary **Cantonese Service** 9.00 am at Patmos Hall **Mandarin Service** 11.15 am at Sanctuary **Hokkien Service** 11.15 am at Patmos Hall

COLLECT

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Eternal God, the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where Christ is gone before, and where with you and the Holy Spirit he is worshipped and glorified, now and forever. Amen.

Mission and Purpose: As we see the gracious salvation plan in the missional heart of God, may we be a missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

Vicar Writes

Dear family in Christ

As announced, St John's Chapel will hold our virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, 21 June 2020 at 2.00 pm. In order to have an effective AGM by electronic means, it is necessary to communicate with church members on our Electoral Roll via <u>Email</u>. Appreciative thanks to a great majority who have confirmed their email addresses.

Nominations are open (from 17 May) for members to serve in our Parochial Church Council (PCC) for 2020-2021 and Synod representatives for 2020-2023. Till date, we have received 1 nomination for People's Warden, 9 nominations for PCC and 3 nominations for Synod reps. If you wish to submit any nomination, please request for a nomination form via email admin@patmos.org.sg. Nominations close on 24 May.

In this coming week, we will email the agenda, AGM reports, audited accounts, budget 2020 and the nomination list. Please make time to read these documents. As explained last week, the Vicar of St John's Chapel as the Chairman of Meeting, will act as the member's proxy to vote, speak and attend the AGM. This proxy shall form the quorum for the AGM. We will provide a weblink for you to <u>submit your proxy form electronically</u>, with the closing date being 14 June.

We are organising a pre-AGM <u>Town hall meeting Webinar</u> on Sunday 14 June (2.00 pm) to answer any question or clarification concerning the minutes, reports, accounts and nominations. Please email your question or clarification to <u>admin@patmos.org.sg</u>, latest by 7 June. After receiving your email, we will email you directly to provide details concerning registration for this Town hall webinar.

Electoral Roll members are welcome to "observe and listen only" to the proceedings of the AGM via Webinar. Please note that this participation is not compulsory, as your attendance is already counted in the quorum if you have appointed the Chairman of the meeting as your proxy. Further details will be provided concerning registration for the AGM webinar.

Thank you dear church, and value your prayers for PCC and myself as we conduct the virtual AGM with due diligence by the grace and wisdom of God.

Maranatha Pastor John

Announcement

"Virtual" Annual General Meeting (AGM)

In view of the suspension of church services and gatherings, the diocesan leadership is guiding all parishes to conduct their parish AGM by virtual means. The virtual AGM will be held on Sunday, **21 June 2020, 2.00 pm**. Value your prayers as we plan and implement the virtual AGM with due diligence by the wisdom and help of God.

Church Prayer Meeting

A church prayer meeting will be held on Friday, **29 May 2020, 7.45 pm** via Zoom. Join us in fellowship to pray for families, unity of the church, and the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the Zoom capacity limit, the prayer meeting will be limited to 100 persons, on a first attendance basis. The meeting ID and password will be sent via WhatsApp to the cell leaders prior to the prayer meeting date.

Pentecost Sunday Diocese Combined Service on 31 May 2020

Pentecost Sunday is an important day in our church calendar, where the church commemorates the presence and power of the Holy Spirit for ministry and mission in the work of God's eternal kingdom. Diocesan bishop Rennis is calling the whole diocese to gather for a Pentecost Sunday Combined service on 31 May at 10.30 am. The Youtube channel link will be whatsapped via Cell Leaders when available.

As we prepare ourselves to [celebrate] Pentecost next Sunday, let us pray and seek the Lord fervently that during this Pentecost, we might see:

- God's victory over COVID-19
- People come to faith in Jesus through our personal testimonies and our online services
- Our diocese and the global Church arise with fresh zeal and power to minister to a lost and fearful world with God's love.

Only the Holy Spirit can make this happen! So let us devote ourselves in the week ahead to pray beseechingly, and prepare our hearts and homes for a fresh Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit on 31 May.

Whitsunday 2020

This year's Whitsunday free-will offering will be given towards the Diocesan Missions Fund for allocation towards church growth. The Whitsunday offering will be taken during the Pentecost Combined Online Service on Sunday 31 May 2020.

This free-will offering may be made via our church digital giving (please indicate "Whitsunday 2020"); or, through a cheque payable to "The Diocese of Singapore", please write "Whitsunday 2020" on the back, and post to:

Diocese of Singapore 1 Francis Thomas Drive #01-01 Singapore 359340

DUTY ROSTER	SUNDAY 24 MAY 2020	NEXT SUNDAY 31 MAY 2020
Worship Officiant	Revd John Lin	
Preacher	Revd John Lin	Pentecost Sunday Combined Diocesan Online Service at at 10.30am
Psalm Reading	Psalm 47	
Scripture Text	Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11	
Sermon Title	The King is Returning to bring us Home	

As announced, the government has suspended all religious services and activities until 1 June 2020.

St John's Chapel will release the English On-line Service every Saturday at 4.00 pm.

Please access the On-line Service using this weblink http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/

It will be good to prepare our hearts, Bible and media, so as to be ready to commune and worship the Lord together in spirit and in truth. You may return your tithes to the Lord and give freewill offering through the following ways:

- (A) By cash or cheque using the envelopes
- (B) Internet Bank Transfer

Account Name: St John's Chapel

DBS Account Number: 008 002 5860

Remarks:

- (1) TitheXXX, Month or
- (2) MissionXXX, Month or
- (3) NeedyXXX, Month or
- (4) BuildingXXX, Month

(where XXX is your Tithe number)

(C) PayNow using UEN

St John's Chapel's UEN: T08CC4079E

Remarks: (same as above)

Upcoming Events

Suspension of all events in May 2020 till further notice

Church Ministries: Home Cell, Kids-for-Christ, Tweens, Tekna Youth, Young Adults, Choir, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Men's Fellowship, Sisters' Fellowship **Outreach**: SMSS Chaplaincy, The Boys' Brigade & The Girls' Brigade, Befrienders Club

If you wish to know more about the ministries and outreach, please email to admin@patmos.org.sg

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